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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

Recommendations of the Permanent Forum

Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues commends the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for its work on rural development addressing food production and hunger, and for the high standards set in ensuring full and effective participation of indigenous peoples through the Indigenous Peoples' Forum at IFAD and the Indigenous Peoples' Assistance Facility in line with the implementation of its policy on indigenous peoples. It is a model for other international financial institutions and United Nations organizations in demonstrating their firm commitment in respecting the rights of indigenous peoples, including on self-determined development.

2. The Permanent Forum acknowledges IFAD for the implementation of its policy on indigenous peoples and for selecting "Indigenous peoples' food systems and sustainable livelihoods" as the theme of the second global meeting of the Indigenous People' Forum at IFAD. The Forum expects that IFAD will continue to strengthen its engagement with indigenous peoples in its future work by ensuring engagement at the country level through targeted programmes, capacity-building for indigenous peoples and project staff and the development of specific indicators on the well-being of indigenous peoples.

3. The Forum recommends that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in coordination with indigenous peoples, organize trainings and other capacity-building development as well as establish mechanisms for

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engagement such as working groups and appropriate representation of indigenous peoples in relevant instruments and bodies of FAO, and provide a progress report on those activities to the Permanent Forum at its fifteenth session.

4. The Permanent Forum encourages Member States, in cooperation with United Nations agencies, to develop social policies that will enhance the production of indigenous peoples' traditional foods and promote the restoration or recovery of the lost drought-resistant indigenous food varieties to ensure adequate food security. In this context, the Permanent Forum recommends that the States of Mali, Burkina Faso and the Niger, as well as United Nations agencies such as FAO, IFAD and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, establish a committee in full consultation with the participation of indigenous peoples, aimed at preventing food crises in the Sahara region where indigenous peoples reside. The Committee's objective should be to prevent humanitarian disasters and, in particular, to prevent starvation at the same level as the disaster that struck the region in 1973.

5. The Permanent Forum, bearing in mind the importance of the right of indigenous peoples to food sovereignty and security, invites Member States to consider the possibility of announcing an International Year of the Camelids with the aim of drawing attention to the management of lands, territories and resources and for the breeding of camelids.